



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 838 – Transportation – Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Service - Funding

Hearing Date: March 10, 2022

Position: Support

The Coordinating Center supports *Senate Bill 838 – Transportation – Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Service - County Funding*. The bill requires the Department of Transportation to set aside \$4.3 million to support services for people who are disabled or elderly.

Occupational therapy practitioners are committed to supporting their patients in living independently. Individuals who are older or with a disability may not be able to drive or access public transportation. This limitation isolates these individuals, leaving them unable to participate in community activities, visit their health care providers, or see family and friends. This bill recognizes the importance of transportation support to ensure individuals can remain part of their community.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.